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This book for doctoral students is designed to provide direct, in-depth support for learning about qualitative research. The data sources for the book are reflections of research correspondents who describe their experiences with choosing qualitative research methodologies for their thesis research. The book begins with a chapter about "the end," where an amount of certainty and confidence finally emerges for novice qualitative researchers. Subsequent chapters address selecting and working with a committee; preparing and defending the proposal/prospectus; maximizing resources; connecting focus, literature, and ownership; keeping a journal; methodology and analysis; and defining "the end." Each chapter poses a set of questions to prod researchers to consider the totality of the research endeavor as they encounter seemingly discrete concerns. Appendices provide a copy of the letter to potential research correspondents, biographical notes about the research correspondents, and tables of contents from their dissertations. (Contains 41 references.) (JDD)

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